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FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3033

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MUNRO JONES NEA/EX

A. BERNSTEIN O/OPR/ST/S

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: ASUP, AFSP, ASEC  
SUBJECT: OFFICIAL VEHICLES FOR BEIRUT

REF: (A) STATE 024582, (B) BEIRUT 349, (C) MUNRO JONES/BAQUET  
TELCON 2/3/77.

1. FOLLOWING IS LIST OF VEHICLES PRESENTLY IN USE AT  
AMEMBASSY BEIRUT:

INV. NO.	MAKE AND MODEL
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084005	70 DODGE TRUCK
094006	70 DODGE TRUCK
X44128	70 PLYMOUTH SEDAN
214001	72 CHRYSLER IMPERIAL
244013	72 PLYMOUTH SEDAN
344001	73 PLYMOUTH SEDAN
344002	73 PLYMOUTH SEDAN
354999	73 PLYMOUTH STATION
444001	74 CHEVROLET SEDAN
454003	74 PLYMOUTH STATION

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474036 75 DODGE CARRYALL

2. AS ADVISED IN PREVIOUS COMMUNICATIONS, FOLLOWING EMBASSY  
VEHICLES WERE STOLEN DURING THE CIVIL STRIFE:

INV. NO.	MAKE AND MODEL
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074006 70 DODGE CARRYALL  
074007 70 DODGE VAN  
074008 70 DODGE VAN  
454002 74 PLYMOUTH STATION  
1S9122 74 PLYMOUTH SEDAN (EX JIDDA)  
MELOY VEHICLE - CHEVROLET SEDAN (EX AMMAN)

3. AS ADVISED IN REFTTEL B THE THREE CHEVROLET CARRYALL AND PANEL TRUCKS (INV. NO. 574008, 574009 AND 574010) WHICH WERE TO REPLACE VEHICLES, INV. NO. 074006, 074007 AND 074008 WERE LOOTED FROM BEIRUT PORT.

THE SIX VEHICLES LISTED PARA 2 PLUS THE THREE ABOVE LISTED WHICH WERE NOT DELIVERED REPRESENT NINE (9) EMBASSY VEHICLES STOLEN DURING THE LEBANESE CRISIS.

4. TO COMPLETE POST'S VEHICLE PICTURE PRESENT SY COM/DCM SECURITY VEHICLE PACKAGE AS FOLLOWS:

INV. NO.	MAKE AND MODEL
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1S9117	71 PLYMOUTH SEDAN
4S0002	74 CHRYSLER NEWYORKER
SN 5P66A 141625	75 FORD LTD SEDAN

THE SECOND FORD LTD, S.N. 5P66A 141623 DELIVERED TO BEIRUT 8/31/76 WAS, AT DEPARTMENTS REQUEST, SHIPPED TO CAIRO 1/9/77.  
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THE OLD COM VEHICLE 1972 CHRYSLER IMPERIAL FOR WHICH SALES AUTHORIZATION NO. 14001-26 (7/20/76) WAS ISSUED IS NOW USED AS FOLLOW CAR. THIS VEHICLE TO BE DISPOSED OF ONCE SY PROTECTIVE VEHICLE PACKAGE RECONSTITUTED. ADDITIONAL COMMENT EMBASSY'S SY PROTECTIVE VEHICLE PACKAGE SUBJECT SEPTTEL.

5. THE LEBANESE CIVIL WAR ACCELERATED THE REPLACEMENT CYCLE FOR MOST MOTORPOOL VEHICLES. AS PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CEASED USE OF EMBASSY VEHICLES INCREASED. VEHICLES WERE ALSO USED FOR REGULAR BEIRUT-DAMASCUS POUCH RUNS AND USG PERSONNEL EXCHANGES. OUR VEHICLES WERE DRIVEN OVER ROUGH ROADS, SOMETIMES AT EXCESSIVE SPEED TO AVOID SNIPER FIRE, OR ALMOST AT IDLE SPEED AT ROAD BLOCKS AND CHECK POINTS. LACK OF AUTOMOTIVE PARTS AND QUALIFIED MECHANICS PRECLUDED A PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM. IN MOST CASES THE MECHANICAL AND BODY DETERIORATION OF EMBASSY VEHICLES IS SEVERE. RATHER THAN IDENTIFY SPECIFIC VEHICLES FOR DISPOSAL BEIRUT RECOMMENDS THE REPLACEMENT OF ALL EMBASSY VEHICLES. THE FOLLOWING

REPRESENTS OUR IMMEDIATE AND MEDIUM RANGE VEHICULAR NEEDS:

- (A) FOUR (4) SEDANS - FOUR DOOR
- (B) ONE STATION WAGON
- (C) ONE UTILITY VAN
- (D) ONE STEP VAN
- (E) ONE CARRYALL#
- (F) TWO TRUCKS - ONE 5 TON OPEN TRUCK AND ONE 2 1/2 TON,  
8 CYLINDER, CLOSED TRUCK

# FOR SECURITY REASONS 75 DODGE CARRYALL INV. NO. 474036  
DEDICATED EXCLUSIVELY TO MSG PROGRAM.

7. DURING HIS BRIEF VISIT AT BEIRUT DEPUTY ASST. SECRETARY  
DIKEOS (A/SY) RECOMMENDED THAT, IF POSSIBLE, ALL PASSENGER  
VEHICLES SHOULD BE AIRCONDITIONED AND PARTIALLY ARMORED  
I.E. AT LEAST LEXAN FOR WINDSHIELDS AND REAR WINDOWS.  
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8. BEIRUT APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENTS EARLY CONSIDERATION  
OF OUR TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN  
THE DEPARTMENTS COMMENT AND REMAIN READY TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL  
INFORMATION UPON REQUEST.

9. SURVEY REPORTS FOR STOLEN/LOOTED VEHICLES BEING AIRPOUCHED  
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